



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Dear Honorable Leaders:

I am pleased to invite you to participate in a webinar regarding a study EPA will conduct on the possible relationships between hydraulic fracturing and drinking water. We are seeking input on various aspects of the study design.

Hydraulic fracturing is a well stimulation process used to maximize the extraction of underground resources, including oil and natural gas. EPA would like your input on the study design, including your ideas on criteria for selecting case study locations, data gaps, relevant studies, and impacts on surface and ground water resources.

Therefore, I cordially invite you and/or your environmental program staff to participate in the following national webinar:

EPA Consultation with Tribal Governments

August 30, 2010

2:00-4:00 pm EDT

To register for the webinar, please go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/739014146>. Once you register, you will receive an e-mail verifying your registration, which will include a URL for you to use when logging in to view the slide presentation and a toll-free number to call to listen to the discussion.

I am enclosing a fact sheet about EPA's hydraulic fracturing study and two discussion documents with more detail on the specific topics on which we are soliciting input. Tribal governments are the only recipients of the invitation to this consultation webinar.

Several opportunities exist beyond this consultation webinar to provide comments on EPA's hydraulic fracturing study. You may attend the next public meeting and provide verbal and/or written comments or you may submit written comments by email to hydraulic.fracturing@epa.gov or by postal service to Jill Dean, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Mailcode 4606M, Washington, DC 20460.



Please check EPA's website at

<http://water.epa.gov/type/groundwater/uic/class2/hydraulicfracturing/index.cfm> for the date and location of the next public meeting.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ann Codrington".

Ann Codrington
Acting Director
Drinking Water Protection Division

ENCLOSURES:

- (1) Fact Sheet: "Hydraulic Fracturing Research Study"
- (2) Discussion Document: "Opportunity for Stakeholder Input on EPA's Hydraulic Fracturing Research Study: Criteria for Selecting Case Studies"
- (3) Discussion Document: "Opportunity for Stakeholder Input on EPA's Hydraulic Fracturing Research Study: Study Design"

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